



Merry Christmas from all of us at ALQI!

Like everyone else this time of year, we are going non-stop...and it is all for the children!

The Unicorn Fund, Morgan Scott Project, and Salvation Army have been providing toys to underserved children at Christmas time for several years. In 2008 Terrie Cross, working with the Salvation Army, approached Verhonda Hembree, Unicorn Fund, about joining forces and changing the location from Capital Hill School to the Boys & Girls Club. That first year 516 families were served providing two toys each for 1,248 children in Scott County. It was such a success that plans were readily made for 2009.

Even though snow the night before moved the starting time from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on December 19, 2009, there were over 550 families who checked in to pick up two gifts each for their children. (We do not have a final count at this time). The first one to arrive was at 4:30 in the morning. Where did the toys come from? The Unicorn Fund collects toys from businesses, churches, clubs, schools, and other groups. Morgan-Scott donates funds. The Salvation Army collects toys from the Mission of Hope, Operation Sharing Tennessee, ALQI, and receives a grant from the Elgin Foundation for Christmas toys. It is a wonderful year long process.

The tables below show a portion of over 3,000 toys donated or bought for the underserved children of Scott County. These toys are provided so that the children may have something under the tree from Santa. It is the parent who picks out two toys per child on this day. We had approximately 90 volunteers over the 2 days.

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Rodney and Gary at the door



Registering



Waiting their turn



Paul is a "personal shopper" helping a parent



The selection of toys was good!



Angie and Mike breaking for lunch



A Dad is happy to get his presents wrapped



Gina and Steve wrap. You can never have too many wrappers!

Thanks to all our friends and supporters. Events like the above would not be possible without you!